

What really motivates people?

Why is society the way it is?

Belief



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Behavior

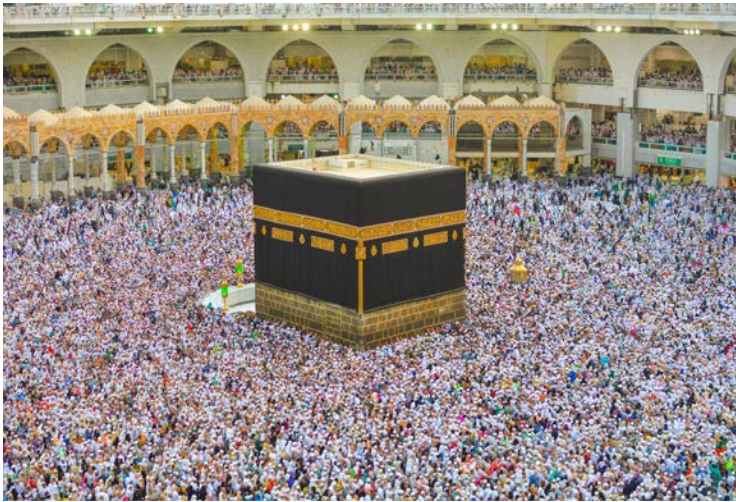


Photo Credit: Adli Wahid, "The Kaabah," August, 26, 2018, Mecca.

Belonging



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What are some of the world's most powerful belief systems?

- Atheism
- Wicca
- Catholic church
- Yoga
- Environmentalism
- Evangelicals
- Muslims
- Wicca

- Judaism
- Hinduism
- Buddhism
- Native American spirituality
- Pacifism
- Utopianism
- Apocalypticism
- Messianism

As a CSU graduate
you will be a leader
in a diverse community.

Religious Studies graduates thrive in
healthcare, education, government, and
NGOs.

Adding Religious Studies as a second major
ensures effective Liberal Arts breadth for a
critical advantage in the workplace and life.

To “robot-proof your career” build your knowledge and skills to succeed in non-routine tasks:

Creative, research-based problem solving

Critical thinking including ethics

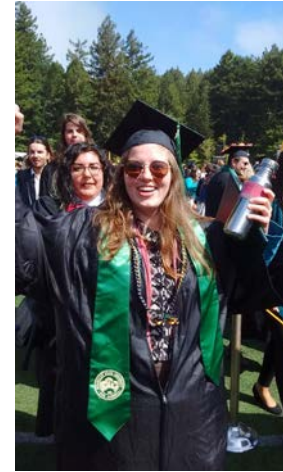
Communicate well in diverse teams

HSU RS Graduates in Healthcare



Clockwise from Top Left: Shalini McMurdo is pursuing a Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at San Francisco State University. Jensen Martin is pursuing a Master's in Yoga Studies at Loyola Marymount University. Amanda Sharp is a Ph.D. candidate in Behavioral and Community Sciences at the University of South Florida. Dr. Jason Butler is a Clinical Psychologist at John F. Kennedy University.

HSU RS Graduates in Education



Clockwise from Top Left: Kelly Fortner was the Americorps CSU STEM VISTA for 2018-2019 at HSU. Elliott Bazzano is a Religious Studies Professor at Le Moyne College. Katie Buesch is the Registrar at the Clarke Museum in Eureka. Seth Powell is a Ph.D. Candidate in South Asian Religions at Harvard University.

RS is designed for Biology, Psychology, Anthropology, and Undeclared students


Most of our students come to us from these majors, so we re-designed our curriculum and our course rotation so that you can complete our program while also pursuing these others.

You can complete a double-major in four years at no additional cost or time until graduation. This increases the likelihood that you will graduate.

Students benefit from extra advising, letters of recommendation, and social opportunities.

Faculty are active research scholars with Ph.D.s from top programs and strong teaching evaluations, who also have real world experience.



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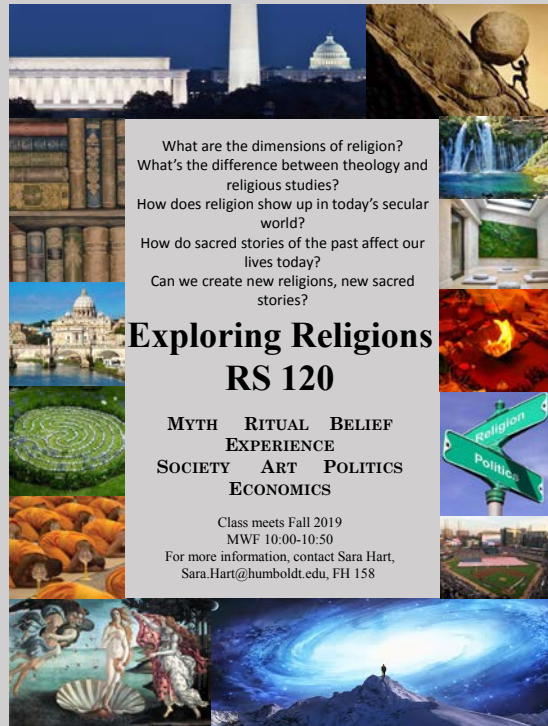
RS 391 Special Topics courses in development: Yoga Studies, Religions of Latin America, & Sex and Sin in Early Christianity.

How is a double-major possible?

Which RS classes should I sign-up for, and when?

Take 3 classes during your first two years (4 for Biology)

Frosh. or Soph. Fall



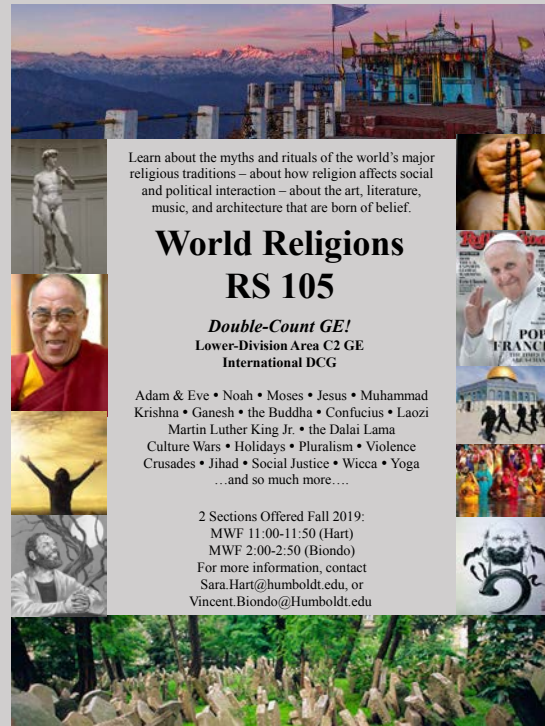
What are the dimensions of religion?
What's the difference between theology and religious studies?
How does religion show up in today's secular world?
How do sacred stories of the past affect our lives today?
Can we create new religions, new sacred stories?

Exploring Religions RS 120

MYTH RITUAL BELIEF
EXPERIENCE
SOCIETY ART POLITICS
ECONOMICS

Class meets Fall 2019
MWF 10:00-10:50
For more information, contact Sara Hart,
Sara.Hart@humboldt.edu, FH 158

Frosh. Spring or Soph. Fall



Learn about the myths and rituals of the world's major religious traditions – about how religion affects social and political interaction – about the art, literature, music, and architecture that are born of belief.

World Religions RS 105

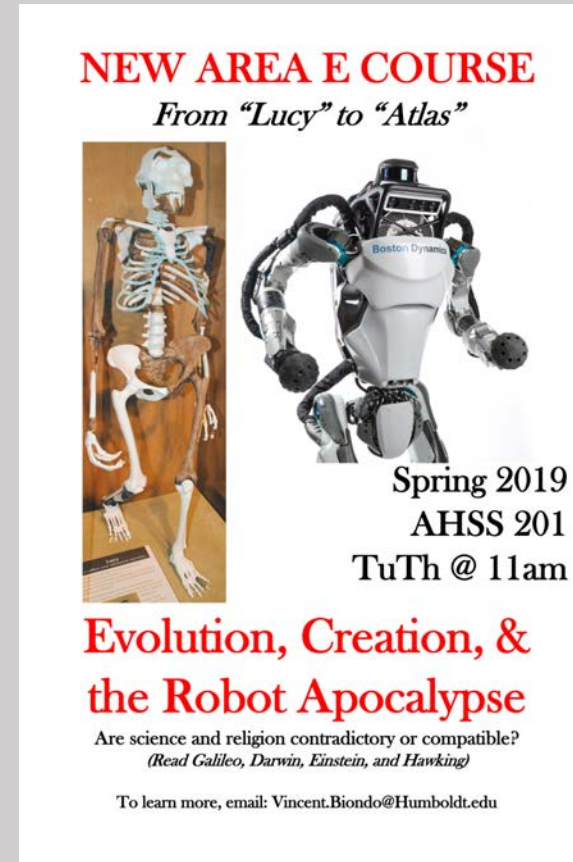
Double-Count GE!
Lower-Division Area C2 GE
International DCG

Adam & Eve • Noah • Moses • Jesus • Muhammad
Krishna • Ganesh • the Buddha • Confucius • Laozi
Martin Luther King Jr. • the Dalai Lama
Culture Wars • Holidays • Pluralism • Violence
Crusades • Jihad • Social Justice • Wicca • Yoga
...and so much more....

2 Sections Offered Fall 2019:
MWF 11:00-11:50 (Hart)
MWF 2:00-2:50 (Biondo)
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Vincent.Biondo@Humboldt.edu


LD GE Area C2

Sophomore Fall (For Biology)



NEW AREA E COURSE

From "Lucy" to "Atlas"



Spring 2019
AHSS 201
TuTh @ 11am

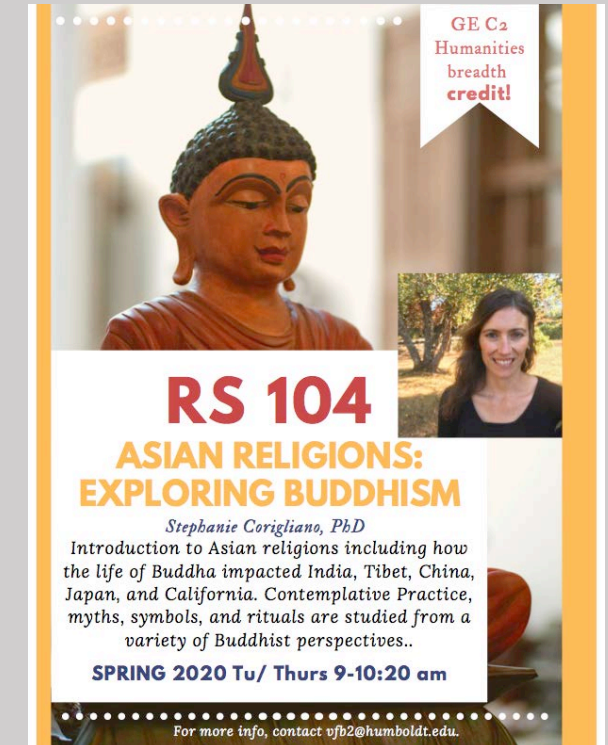
Evolution, Creation, & the Robot Apocalypse

Are science and religion contradictory or compatible?
(Read Galileo, Darwin, Einstein, and Hawking)

To learn more, email: Vincent.Biondo@Humboldt.edu

GE Area E

Sophomore Spring



GE C2 Humanities breadth credit!

RS 104

ASIAN RELIGIONS: EXPLORING BUDDHISM

Stephanie Corigliano, PhD
Introduction to Asian religions including how the life of Buddha impacted India, Tibet, China, Japan, and California. Contemplative Practice, myths, symbols, and rituals are studied from a variety of Buddhist perspectives..

SPRING 2020 Tu/ Thurs 9-10:20 am

For more info, contact vfb2@humboldt.edu.

LD GE Area C2

ISLAM – RS 332

Dr. Biondo - Fall 2020

Who is Allah?

Who is Muhammad?

Where is Iraq?

Who is Sunni or Shi'a?

What is hijab?

What is jihad?

What is ISIS?

What is a mosque?



RS 393: Death, Dying, and Afterlife

life.death.rebirth.reurrection.karma.ancestors.grief.celebration.

What happens when we die?

How do our ideas about the nature of reality and the self influence and shape our ideas about Death, Mortality and the Afterlife?

How does our understanding of death affect the way we live with ourselves and others?



This course will explore the conceptions, practices, theories and stories about death and the afterlife in the religious imagination. We will examine social, historical, scriptural and mythic material from a diverse spread of traditions, ranging from ancient Greece to modern India, and from indigenous America to today's hospital corridors. Special attention will be paid to the inherently unknowable, and personal, nature of our core course questions.



CRN# 41702

TTh, 1:00-2:20

For more information,
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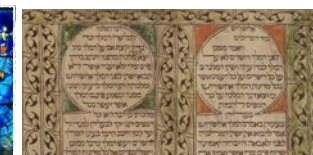
JUDAISMS: ANCIENT & CONTEMPORARY

DR. ASHLEY BACCHI

Spring 2020 Tu/Th 11-12:20

There is no one single expression of Judaism. To be Jewish has meant different things to different people across time and geographical location. This course will explore this diversity by surveying history, culture, and faith from ancient times to the present. By offering multiple entry points into a multiplicity of Judaism's expressed through time and location, this course will equip students to deconstruct generalizations and simplifications and to embrace the complex spectrum of practice and belief that constitutes Jewish life and tradition.

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**RS 330**

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HIST 106B Islam (**LD GE Area D**) and ANTH 302 Anthropology of Religion (**UD GE Area D**) can be substituted.

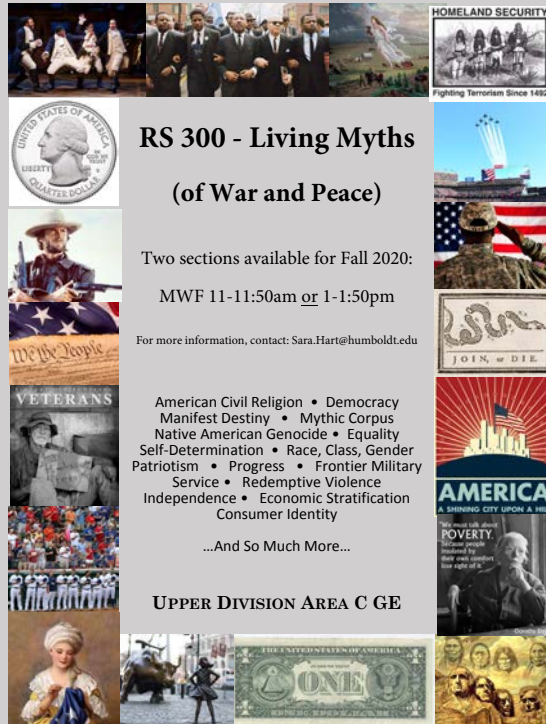
UD GE Area C

Take 4 classes your senior year (or 3 for Biology)

Choose a “Myth, Culture, Experience” course for Fall:

Spring:

UD GE Area D



**RS 300 - Living Myths
(of War and Peace)**


Two sections available for Fall 2020:
MWF 11-11:50am or 1-1:50pm

For more information, contact: Sara.Hart@humboldt.edu

American Civil Religion • Democracy
Manifest Destiny • Mythic Corpus
Native American Genocide • Equality
Self-Determination • Race, Class, Gender
Patriotism • Progress • Frontier Military
Service • Redemptive Violence
Independence • Economic Stratification
Consumer Identity

...And So Much More...

UPPER DIVISION AREA C GE



Fall 2020

Jonestown
a journey to waco
clive doyle

Three cults are famous in U.S. History for their apocalyptic ideology and horrific ends: People's Temple, Branch Davidians, and Heaven's Gate. In addition to charismatic leadership, what are key signs (brainwashing, social isolation, weapons stockpiling) that a cult will end in mass murder or suicide, so that we can protect ourselves and others?

Beyond these "doomsday cults," since all religions start as cults, scholars prefer the term New Religious Movements. We will use the History of Religions and phenomenological methodology, including empathy and epoche, to examine how Scientology, Jehovah's Witnesses, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, grew from small cults into global religions.

California is a world leader in NRMs, which have been inspired by gurus from South Asia, Buddhists from East Asia, New Age or Neopagan Nature religions, and Native American spirituality. Humboldt has been home to two prominent groups. Dissenting Abrahamic messianisms, Chabad Lubavitch Judaism, Pentecostal Christianity, and Shi'a Islam, are also introduced. Students in Psychology, Biology, and Anthropology will especially benefit.

**RS 393 "Cults"
or New Religious Movements**
Professor Biondo
Tu/Th 1:00-2:20pm

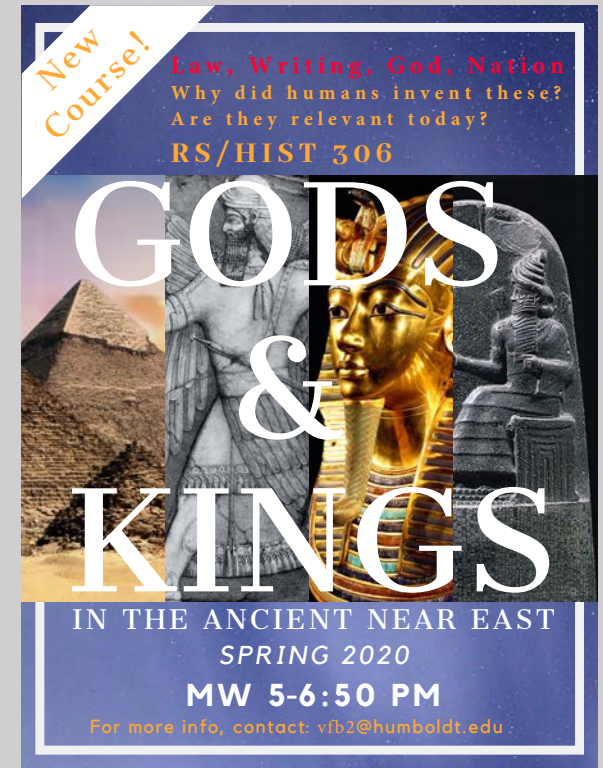


Environment & Religion
RS 361

This course examines how the spiritual commitments of individuals and communities support, question, and challenge practices of consumerism. We will survey the world's religious traditions to understand the mythic roots of our relationships with the material world, exploring the spiritual and religious foundations for sustainability and environmental health. Then, we will trace American attitudes toward environmental care and consumer practices, from the colonial period through the present day.

Class meets Spring 2020
MWF 3:00-3:50pm, FH 178

For more information, contact Sara Jaye Hart,
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New Course!

Law, Writing, God, Nation
Why did humans invent these?
Are they relevant today?
RS/HIST 306

GODS & KINGS

IN THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST
SPRING 2020
MW 5-6:50 PM

For more info, contact: vfb2@humboldt.edu

**UD GE Area C
(can substitute
NAS 302 Oral Lit.)**

Plus RS 395 Capstone/Practicum (not pictured)
RS 391 Yoga Studies and RS 391 Sex and Sin in Early
Christianity (in development)

Add one 1.0 unit RS 394 road trip per year



Learn and practice meditation techniques, with monks and nuns who have years of practice.
Explore dharma talks, chanting, music, ritual.
Experience a weekend of monastic Buddhist life, at the beautiful City of Ten Thousand Buddhas in Ukiah, surrounded by peacocks.

EXPERIENCE MONASTIC BUDDHISM



RS 394 – CRN 21993

Dates TBA

1 Unit – Open to All Majors

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Regroup, relax, and still your mind:
reduce stress and increase your focus for finals. Retreat to
Chagdud Gompa Rigdzin Ling, the Tibetan Buddhist
center in beautiful Junction City.
Explore Vajrayana Buddhist theory & practice.
See prayer wheels & stupas in a breathtaking setting.
Experience dharma talks, group meditation, great food.

EXPERIENCE TIBETAN BUDDHISM



RS 394 – CRN 21994

Dates TBA

1 Unit – Open to All Majors

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Explore the spiritual & mystical traditions of Judaism.
Engage in Torah study & Shabbat celebration.
Experience song, dance, and dining with the Temple
Beth El community in Eureka, and with the Rabbi of
the Redwoods, Naomi Steinberg.



EXPERIENCE JEWISH SPIRITUALITY

RS 394 – CRN 21995

Dates TBA

1 Weekend, 1 Unit, 1 Uplifting Experience

All Are Welcome

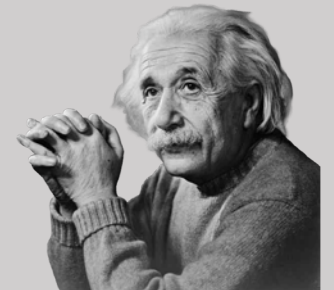
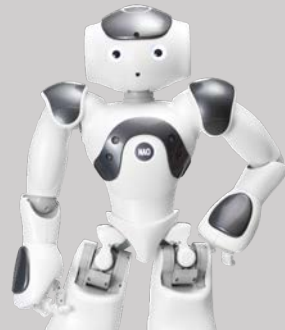
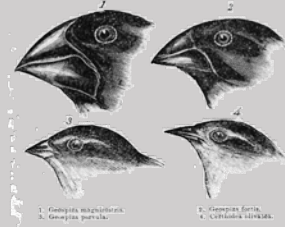
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Option of gaining more time for work and science labs Fall and Spring using Summer Classes online:

- RS 105 World Religions (Biondo) (LD GE Area C2)
- RS 300 Living Myths: of War and Peace (Hart) (UD GE Area C)

What do we teach about?

Religions, Secularisms, and Spiritualities



Whether you call it religious, secular, or spiritual, every human adopts a worldview that includes relationships with nature, history, and society.

Theology in Private Schools:

- Indoctrinates you into a particular ideology.



History of Religions in Public Schools:

Uses compassion and non-judgment to analyze how people draw from a range of superstitious, historical, and scientific resources in response to particular contexts.

